## UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

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Ex parte: THOMAS HAAS, CLAUDIA BRASSE, GUIDO STOCHNIOL, JURGEN GLENNEBERG and WOLFGANG WOLL

Application No. 10/669,978

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ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EX

This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on February 20, 2007. The application is not ready for review and consideration.

Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

## **REPLY BRIEF**

Appellant filed a Reply Brief on January 17, 2007. There is no indication that the Reply Brief has been considered or acknowledged by the Examiner. A written communication acknowledging receipt and entry of the Reply Brief is required.

## **CONCLUSION**

Accordingly, it is

**ORDERED** that the application is returned to the examiner for:

- 1) consideration and proper written response acknowledging receipt and entry of the Reply Brief filed January 17, 2007; and
  - 2) such further action as may be appropriate.

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